

(b) If so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether an enquiry has been conducted into the matter; and

(d) If so, the outcome thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Migration from Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2662. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take steps to stop migration of people from the mainland in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to introduce "Permit System" for tourists visiting Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(d) If so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the primitive tribes including Javars, Onges and Thesectineles are facing extinction; and

(f) If so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). The problem of uncontrolled growth of population of the Government for some time. A Sub-Group constituted at the instance of the Island Development Authority - a high powered problem in 1987-88 had not recommended

any legal measures to contain uncontrolled influx of population. However, any such decision would require detailed examination of various factors including the legal and constitutional ones, in consultation with other Central Ministries.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Illegal Immigrants from Bangladesh

2663. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh apprehended on the Indo-Bangladesh border during 1991, sector-wise, and

(b) the number of such immigrants pushed back into Bangladesh and those handed over to the local authorities for legal action during the above period, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) 61,888 illegal immigrants from Bangladesh were apprehended on the Indo-Bangladesh Border during 1991. The Sector-wise breakup is given below:-

Calcutta	52626
Krishnanagar	2902
Malda	1419
Kishanganj	334
Siliguri	477
Cooch Behar	776
Guwahati	62
Shillong	377

Silchar	308
Mizoram	123
Tripura North	731
Tripura South	1753

(b) The number of the immigrants pushed back into Bangladesh during 1991 is 53,733 and those handed over to the local authorities for legal action is 8,155.

Indian Prisoners in Pakistan

2664. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:
KUMARI UMA BHARTI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians imprisoned in Pakistan including Military personnel; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to get them released?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVISINH SOLANKI):

(a) According to information available, 1021 Indians are believed to be in Pakistani jails.

(b) Government have on several occasions taken up with the Government of Pakistan the question of the release and early repatriation of all Indian prisoners. Efforts to secure the release of Indian prisoners continue.

Amendment to Punjab Municipal Act, 1911

2665. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the New Delhi Municipal Committee has submitted a proposal for amending the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The New Delhi Municipal Committee has submitted a proposal in this regard to Delhi Administration. No such proposal has been received by the Government of India.

[Translation]

Migration of Scheduled Castes from Chitradipur, Mehsana of Gujarat

2666. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have directed the Government of Gujarat to submit the report regarding migration of Scheduled Castes from village Chitradipur, Mehsana of Gujarat;

(b) if so whether the Government of Gujarat have since submitted the report;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Gujarat have taken steps to settle the migrated Scheduled Castes at Lakhavad near Mehsana and also provided cash relief, temporary shelters and other facilities.

(d) The question does not arise.

Foreigners Settling Illegally in India

2667. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given on December 2, 1991 to the Starred Question No. 146 regarding foreigners settling illegally in India and State;